

Congratulations to all who strived to be the King or Queen Surf Monkey this past weekend in Oceanside, Ca.. Over 300 athletes participated in the First Annual XTERRA WETSUITS Surf Monkey, either in the individual 1 mile ocean swim, 5k Beach run, 1 Mile Swim/5k Run Combo or 8 mile Paddleboard/SUP Race or the King/Queen Monkey combined 1 mile swim, 5k run, 8 mile Paddleboard race. This event was a great way to bring our community together in a competitive, fun and exciting venue at the Oceanside Pier Amphitheater.

Highlights include incredible performances in the Swim/Run by our local Professional Triathlete Michellie Jones and visiting pro Luke Bell who won the coveted "Surf Monkey", perhaps one of the highlights in their entire career. Other Surf Monkeys include Shannon Delaney (women's Paddleboard), visitor from Hawaii, Candace Appleby (Women's Standup Paddleboard), Georg Plsek (Men's Paddleboard), Kyle Mochizuki (Men's Standup Paddleboard), Okwaro Raura (Men's 5k Beach Run), 16 year old Megan Morgan (Women's 5 k Beach Run), Walid Wasfy (Men's 1 Mile swim), Corrie Falcon (Women's 1 Mile Swim) and our King Money Tyler Anderson with the fastest combined time in all three events and Queen Monkey Molica Anderson with the fastest combined time in all three events for the women. Of special note: This First Annual XTERRA WETSUITS Surf Monkey was also the first ever Paddleboard race with a division for Challenged Athletes. Three extremely determined men entered the surf at Oceanside Pier overcoming disabilities that would sideline most of us. Congratulations for a great race and Thank You for setting such a great example for all the other competitors and spectators. We had many very talented competitors whose results can be found at <http://www.multisports.com/surfmonkey/>. Some great photos of the race can be found at <http://www.pixareus.com/>

Special thanks to our Title Sponsor XTERRA WETSUITS and Presenting Sponsors Clif Bar, Newton Shoes and Nixon for their foresight in supporting this great venture. Thanks also to our Gold Sponsors and Exhibitors Max Muscle, Hansen's Surfboards, Maui Jim's, Honolua Surf, Trunq's, Running Skirts and Carlsbad Paddlesports for pulling together a great Expo and Raffle. Thanks to our Sponsor's kind donations, NA Multisports will be able to make a contribution to the Oceanside Junior Guards in the name of the Surf Monkey.

Thanks also goes out to our many volunteers, safety boats and lifeguards who gave of their time to ensure a safe and enjoyable event.

All in all, a Great Event thanks to the Organizers, Sponsors and Participants. See you next year.

Dan Van Dyck